



2023-2024 Friends of Westlands Primary Association

This year we would love to grow the Friends of Westlands Association.

Who are we?

For some time Claire George, Chair of Governors, and Teri Reynolds, Vice Chair of Governors, of Westlands Primary School, have wanted to promote a group of parents, family members and school stakeholders who come together to organise events held in and around the school for the children of the school and our local community.

Why not just a PTA?

There is absolutely nothing wrong with a PTA, but we want everyone to know they are welcome to help and volunteer in any/many capacities and we therefore feel that a 'Friends of' puts this inclusivity across well.

What are the benefits?

They can vastly improve the life of a school community, and positively impact the educational experience by developing effective relationships between a school, parents/carers and the wider community. Every school deserves one, and there has never been a more urgent time for us to come together for the benefit of our children and the school community. Friends Associations raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more. **They are also known as HSA, PA, PTFA, PTA, or better still, Superheroes!**

What are we considering for year 2023/2024?

Funds will need to grow from event to event, so with a careful plan we hope to start with cost minimal events, which will allow us to build funds for larger events and will start to lay the foundations to grow our Friends of Westlands Primary community. We would love to organise the following; movie evening, discos, treat shops after school as well as seasonal events for Halloween, Christmas and Easter.

We will be outside the Thrive Hub on Thursday 28th September 2023, from 8:20am, before school drop off, to chat to you and create a 'wish list' of ideas for the future, so please stop by and say hello.

It would be great to hear from any parents/carers who have any time to spare to help support the Friends of Westlands Association to hold an event this academic year. If you don't have the time but have ideas or know of any companies/services which may be able to support us to please let us know. Following this letter there will be a google form sent to all families which will let you submit your thoughts, ideas and suggestions, as well as offer your time to create a legacy volunteer group for Westlands Primary School for years to come.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!
Claire George and Teri Reynolds